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1. IT MAY BE OF INTEREST THAT SEVERAL WOULD-BE EMIGRANTS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY FEEL THE GOI DECISION NOT TO SEND "VYZOVS" THROUGH THE DUTCH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW REPRESENTS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO FORCE THEIR HANDS. WE KNOW OF THREE CASES OF MUSCOVITE JEWS, ONLY ONE OF THEM "KNOWN TO SEEK EMIGRATION," WHO HAD ASKED TO HAVE THEIR "VYZOVS" SENT THROUGH THE DUTCH EMBASSY, EITHER BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT FINALLY DECIDED TO EMIGRATE, OR BECAUSE THEY FELT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO AVOID TAKING THE ISRAELI ROUTE. THE DUTCH TELL US THEY HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN AGREEING TO TRANSMIT THE "VYZOVSZ" NONE RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE UNTIL ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO, WHEN ALL RECEIVED THE DOCUMENTS THROUGH THE SOVIET POST OFFICE. THE CASES CONCERN RELATIVES (OR POTENTIAL SPOUSES) OF FIGURES PROMINENT ON THE SOVIET CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL SCENE. IN THE CASES OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE, THE RECIPIENTS HAVE TOLD US

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SEPARATELY) THAT THEY FEEL THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT DELIBERATELY IGNORED THEIR WISHES AND SENT THE "VYZOVS" DIRECTLY IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THE RECIPIENTS, REALIZING THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE RECEIPT OF THE DOCUMENTATION,
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WOULD THEN FEEL OBLIGED TO GO THROUGH WITH THE FORMAL APPLICATION

TO LEAVE THE USSR.

2. JEWISH DISSIDENT LEADERS TELL US THAT THEY BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN A DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF "VYZOV'S" RECEIVED, ESPECIALLY IN CITIES OUTSIDE MOSCOW. THEY ATTRIBUTE THIS DECLINE TO DECISIONS BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES, NOT TO ANY ISRAELI POLICY CHANGES.
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